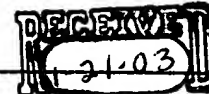


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1. (Twice Amended) A data conversion method of performing image processing on image data expressed in plural components by using a multi-dimensional look-up table, and outputting processed image data, comprising the steps of:

setting grid positions of the multi-dimensional look-up table;

generating a weight table to store weight values corresponding to the plural components based on the set grid positions, wherein the weight values are calculated by an integer computation;

obtaining the weight values corresponding to the plural components of input image data by referring to the weight table;

obtaining output data of grid points of the multi-dimensional look-up table which corresponds to the input image data;

calculating the processed image data, which corresponds to the input image data, by interpolation using the obtained output data and the obtained weight values, wherein the interpolation is executed by a floating point computation; and

normalizing the process of calculating and obtaining the weight values and the interpolation by a sufficiently large value.

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3. (Not Amended From Previous Version) The method according to claim 1, wherein the sufficiently large value is a power of 2.

4. (Not Amended From Previous Version) The method according to claim 1, wherein the grid points are set in non-uniformity, and the grid positions corresponding to each of the components are set the same.

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5. (Not Amended From Previous Version) The method according to claim 1, wherein the input image data is expressed in one of RGB, CMY, and XYZ color spaces.

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6. (Twice Amended) A data conversion apparatus for performing image processing on image data expressed in plural components by using a multi-dimensional look-up table, and outputting processed image data, comprising:

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- a setting section, arranged to set grid positions of the multi-dimensional look-up table;
- a generator, arranged to generate a weight table to store weight values corresponding to the plural components based on the set grid positions, wherein the weight values are calculated by an integer computation;
- a first obtaining section, arranged to obtain the weight values corresponding to the plural components of input image data by referring to the weight table;
- a second obtaining section, arranged to obtain output data of grid points of the multi-dimensional look-up table which corresponds to the input image data;
- a computation section, arranged to calculate the processed image data, which corresponds to input image data, by interpolation using the obtained output data and the obtained weight values, wherein the interpolation is executed by a floating point computation; and
- a normalizing section, arranged to normalize the process of calculating and obtaining the weight values and the interpolation by a sufficiently large value.

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11. (Twice Amended) A computer program product storing a computer readable medium having a computer program code, for a data conversion method of performing image processing on image data expressed in plural components by using a multi-dimensional look-up table, and outputting processed image data, the product comprising process procedure codes for:

setting grid positions of the multi-dimensional look-up table;

generating a weight table to store weight values corresponding to the plural components based on the set grid positions, wherein the weight values are calculated by an integer computation;

obtaining the weight values corresponding to the plural components of input image data by referring to the weight table;

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obtaining output data of grid points of the multi-dimensional look-up table which corresponds to the input image data;

calculating the processed image data, which corresponds to the input image data, by interpolation using the obtained output data and the obtained weight values, wherein the interpolation is executed by a floating point computation; and

normalizing the process of calculating and obtaining the weight values and the interpolation by a sufficiently large value.

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12. (Twice Amended) A computer readable medium storing recorded data which is used in data conversion processing to process image data expressed in plural components by using a multi-dimensional look-up table, and to output processed image data, the recorded data comprising: